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SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRUNING

1. Preserve the natural habit and character of the tree. A well pruned tree does not show where branches were removed. Provide for the free circulation of sunlight and air.

All pruning must be sparingly and judiciously done—do not raise the branches so high as to make the tree unsightly. Eight feet is the right height.

2. All cuts must be made as close and parallel to the trunk as possible. This allows nature to heal the wound more expediently and the cut surface will weather better.

3. All stubs, dead and dying wood, interfering and fungous covered branches must be removed.

4. All wounds over one inch (1") in diameter must be coated with a heavy bodied paint. Use the Department standard preservative. Be sure the Cambium (growing circle) is well covered.

5. All heavy limbs must be roped to prevent their falling on and damaging adjoining property. Two cuts are necessary on large limbs to prevent tearing back the bark on the main stem.

6. The work of pruning must be done under the supervision of the City Forester, his representative or other persons approved by this office. The Department will gladly offer suggestions to individuals or corporations developing properties near the city limits.

7. The operator must not wear climbing spurs of any description. Wounds thus made open the living tissue to attacks of destructive diseases, and injurious insects.

8. On leaving a job for the night the sidewalk and street must be clear, and proper precautions taken to prevent accidents to pedestrians during the day. Material must be removed as soon as possible.

9. After the leaves fall in autumn until early spring is a good time to prune. It may be done throughout the year except from when the tree begins to bud until it is in full leaf.

10. Flowering shrubs should not be pruned during resting season unless you can sacrifice next year's flowers. Trim back after blooming period, and next year's bloom will be set on remaining stems.

11. Keep above points in mind and you will be saved further expense and trouble.

